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## **Career Preparedness Survey**



# Introduction

Career preparedness refers to an individual's readiness and ability to enter and navigate the workforce successfully. It involves a combination of education, skills development, and practical experiences that equip someone with the tools and knowledge needed for a specific career or the broader professional world.

The array of career options in today's world is expanding, with numerous new opportunities emerging. Diverse individuals hold varying perspectives on what constitutes a fulfilling career. Various career paths, such as music, sound engineering, contemporary art, and environmental conservation, have surfaced. The crucial elements for success remain a proper educational foundation, complemented by ongoing upskilling and relevant training



# Methodology

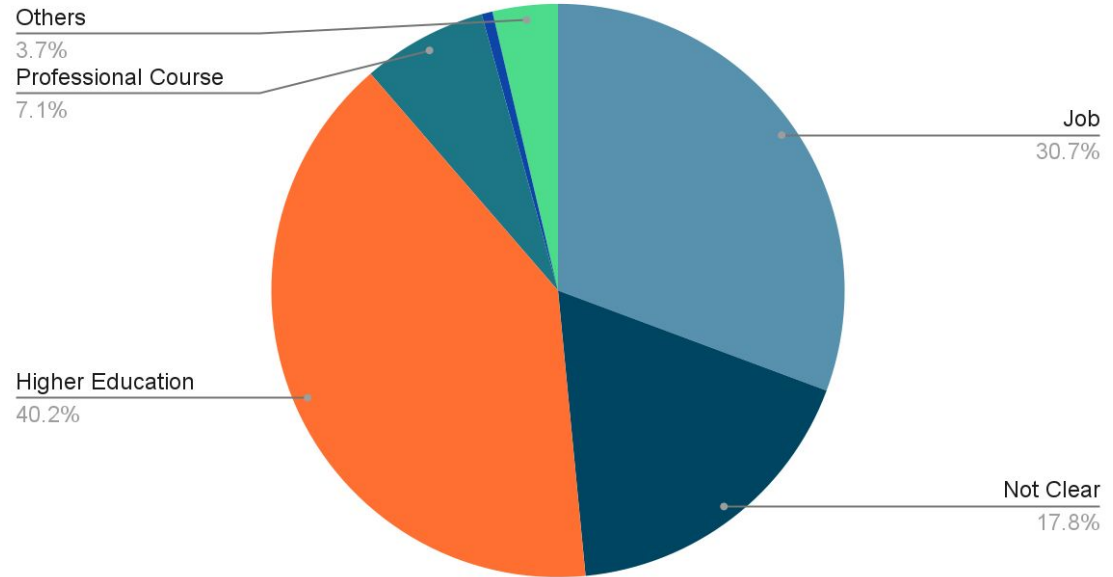
The survey was conducted through Google Forms over three months. The sample taken were 327 undergraduate students, from the following colleges in Darjeeling and Kalimpong

- St. Joseph's College
- Southfield College
- Darjeeling Government College
- Sonada Degree College
- Salesian College (Kurseong)
- Cluny Women's College
- Bijanbari Degree College



# Interests after Graduation

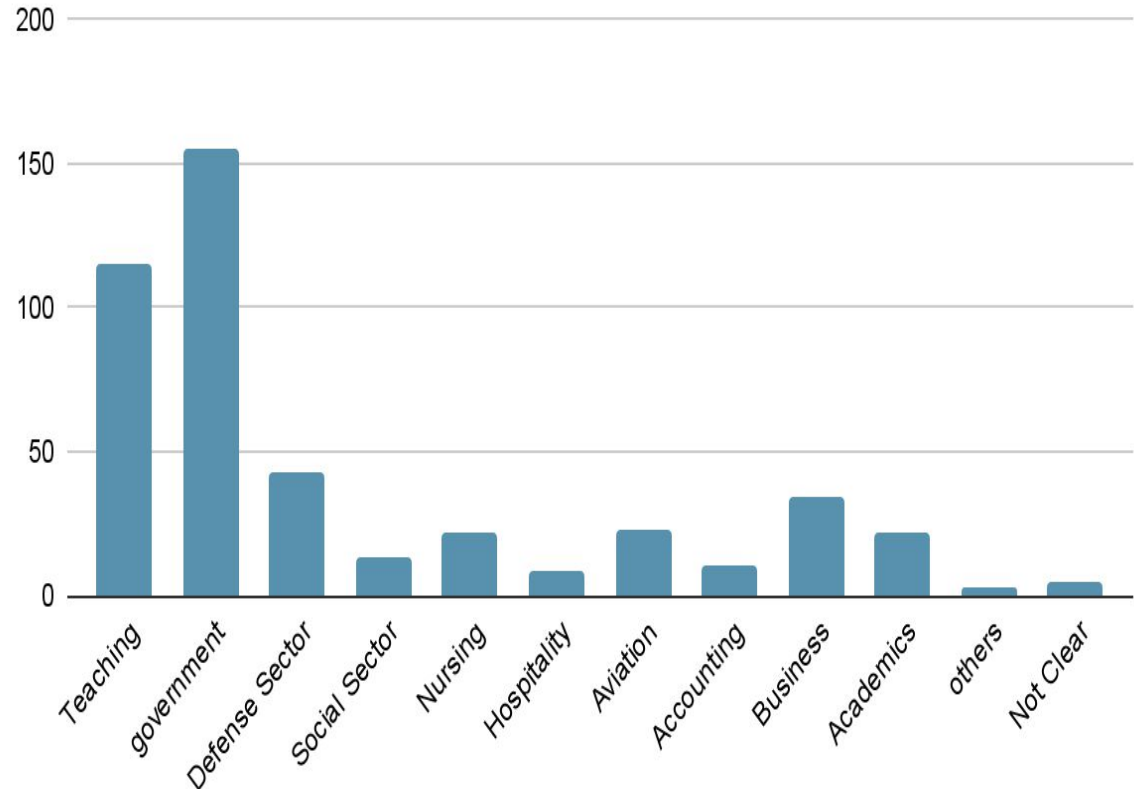
As the surveyed participants were undergraduate students, the initial inquiry sought to understand the prospective choices these students were contemplating upon completing their studies. The findings revealed that 40.2% expressed an interest in pursuing higher education, while 30.7% aimed to enter the workforce. Additionally, 10.8% of students were inclined toward pursuing a professional course and subsequently joining the industry. Notably, **17.8% of undergraduate students indicated a lack of clarity about their post-graduation plans.**





# Career aspirations

Numerous job opportunities and sectors are available for individuals to explore in today's time. Despite some individuals aspiring for professional careers and others aiming to enter the workforce. However, **it is noteworthy that the top three sectors students commonly consider joining— teaching, government, and defense—**.

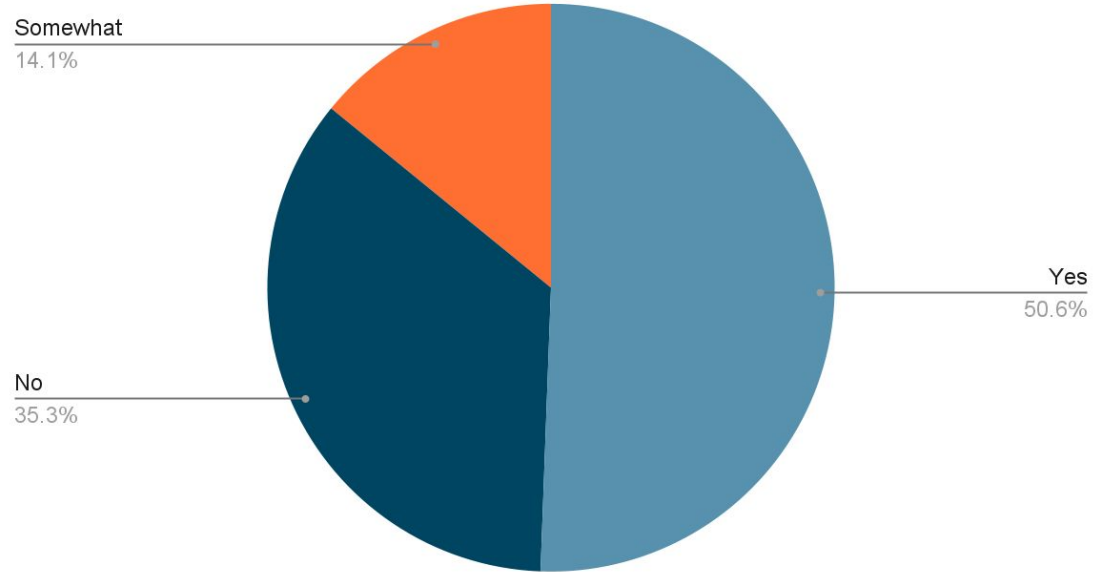


Note : students could select multiple options



## Clarity on steps required to pursue the said career path

Another intriguing discovery emerges as only 40.3% of students possessed a clear understanding of the prerequisites to attain their chosen career. About 31.6% of students have a somewhat vague or partial idea about the pathway to follow for their career options. Meanwhile, a noteworthy **28.1% of students lack even the slightest inkling regarding the necessary steps to be taken in order to pursue their desired careers.**





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## Idea about CUET PG

It extends beyond merely discussing careers; the New Education Policy has ushered in several alterations to the education system, introducing the Common University Entrance Test (CUET). This newly implemented entrance test allows individuals to apply to all central universities. When inquired about their awareness of this exam, only 34.4% of students have a clear understanding, 11% have a little bit of idea while a **significant 54.6% of undergraduate students are unfamiliar with its nature and purpose.**

